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CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT.

THE greatest asset the United States owns is its children. The only hope of every nation lies in the hands of its youth. If these children are blighted in childhood, if the youth comes into a stunted, crippled manhood, the nation is the loser, and the whole fabric of the country weakened in proportion.

President Harding in his wide outlook, and his deep study of national problems is striking one nail squarely on the head when he asks for a Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution. The public will second this proposition. A bitter fight has been waged for a long time in an effort to get national legislation to cover the child labor question. Those who unweariedly worked toward this end thought their aim accomplished when the house and the senate passed certain coveted legislation for the protection of children, but the Supreme Court ruled the law unconstitutional, and the fight had to be started over again.

Now, state by state, the struggle will be waged until enough of the states are lined up to secure the amendment which is the only solution of the issue.

Here in West Virginia the state law is adequate for the protection of its children, although West Virginia is still studying the problem, and will have other things to suggest to its state legislature when it is next in session; but there are other states, notably those of the south, that permit every advantage to be taken of child labor in the cotton mills, in the market gardens, and canning factories, who need to be compelled to guard their children in spite of the rapacity of large interests who have so far succeeded in evading such compulsion.

When children eight, ten, and twelve years of age, or even younger than that are put to work at labor that robs them of education, of health, of all the joy and happiness of childhood, it is a cruel and heartless business and it must not be tolerated longer in America.

Hundreds of thousands of children labor in the cotton mills, work as trapper boys in the mines, gather the beet crops, the berry, crops, the melon crops, act as bell boys, as messenger boys, as errand runners. These children in the market crops are taken by their parents, or those who act as self constituted guardians, from state to state following the seasonal crops, living in camps and the rudest kind of shelters, working from sunrise to sunset, with little aching arms and legs, with slender shoulders acquiring a life long stoop from an inhuman system that should have rebuke from all the nation.

Childhood must be safeguarded from such exploitation. Every day counts when the strength of the nation is suffering such an inroad. Since a Child Labor Amendment is the only thing to compass the necessary end, then the people must bestir themselves to that purpose.

THAT CHARLESTON SLEEPER.

WEST VIRGINIA has never been fortunate in its train service between the northern and southern end of the state; if all the curses that have been expended upon the train service between Fairmont and Charleston were to come home to roost, the roost would be found entirely inadequate, and the longer and louder curses would have to be taken themselves elsewhere. The joy that is now manifest over a direct sleeping car service between Fairmont and the capitol is unbounded.

In one week, the Baltimore and Ohio Company has promised, a night train at the service of those traveling to Charleston, and all the traveler will have to do is to tuck himself into a sleeper at the Fairmont station at 9:30 at night, and step on the train in Charleston before 9 o'clock the next morning.

In all the years that have gone by it has been

more difficult for persons in the northern end of the state to get to the southern end of the state, than to tour Europe. If the state capitol had not been located in Charleston, the city would be unexplored territory to more than nine-tenths of the populace of this part of the country. The trip is one that has been consistently dreaded and avoided whenever possible, and when a man from Fairmont, Morgantown, or Clarksburg is seen in Charleston it can be banked on, that that individual is there upon business of utmost importance which can be handled in no other way on earth than by personal attention. Business, serious business, calls people from this vicinity to Charleston—never pleasure.

Now, however, with the service which has been promised, it may be that Charleston will receive a few people from Fairmont who are not there with an ax to grind, or located there because of official position. It may be that Fairmont will come socially to see Charleston and loaf about a bit, and get acquainted with the city and its inhabitants. It may be that Fairmonters will arrive in Charleston not starved to death, and not looking as if fresh from the coal mines, and not in a vicious temper. Charleston may get a chance to see Fairmonters at their sunny, fraternal best, which will be a mutual pleasure, it is assured.

THE GOITRE TREATMENT

PARENTS should quickly and gladly avail themselves of the offer of the public school board to administer to their children the treatment for the prevention of goitre.

There is no more disgusting thing than goitre, and in its advanced stages it causes great suffering to the afflicted. If not taken in hand quickly a surgical operation is necessary that is a most severe cure, and the operation leaves a scar that time will never quite erase.

The prevalence of goitre in this section is something The West Virginian has discussed before. There are hundreds of cases in this community, and a glance at the exposed throats of the young women in town will show how amazingly the affliction prevails. Physicians are practically agreed that certain minerals in the drinking water produces goitre, but the disease still retains mystifying features. Goitre can be prevented, however, and surely when an opportunity is offered to prevent such an affliction the treatment should be gladly accepted.

Morgantown schools offered this goitre treatment last year after a survey of the school children has revealed hundreds of cases. Fairmont, no doubt, has as many cases as Morgantown, but if the trouble can be so simply prevented it will be only a matter of a short time when the disgusting affliction will disappear.

Youthful orators are trying out as four minute speakers in the movies this week. This is a trifle more ambitious than the stunts that school children used to perform on Friday afternoons a few years ago, when all sorts of oratorical flourishes were attempted in high treble. Those were days that tried the soul of youth, but it is doubtful if these four minute speeches before a crowded house will bother modern children even a little bit, so accustomed are they to audiences, and to the presentation of public programs.

A shocking tragedy has illustrated anew the care that must be taken to avoid danger from gas fumes. With the general use of gas for domestic heating purposes it is a wonder that more persons are not suspected through lack of care in providing sufficient ventilation, and proper air mixture in the small stoves that are installed by the thousands in this city. The gospel of fresh air that has been so persistently taught has, no doubt saved many lives if the truth were known. Very few persons can be found who sleep with all windows closed at night. It is the exceptional family that retires with fires burning and lights flaring. It is quite likely that each day would bring its tragedy if such were the general custom.

John Wanamaker, prince of American merchants, is dead; with his passing goes the greatest truly American figure in the mercantile life of the country. Wanamaker was a grand type of the self made man and in building his life from the bottom rung of the ladder upward, he held fast to the ideals and the beliefs that have ever been typical of the best of America, and ever formed the strongest anchorage for the country in stressful times. From an errand boy in a book store, John Wanamaker made his way to his millions. All along the road he met life first hand, and he arrived at the top with a personal, experience that gave him a just, a kindly, and a sympathetic insight into human nature, and a broad understanding that made his influence count wherever he chose to place it. This influence went, invariably for good. He was a staunch Christian, personally carrying his own message of faith whenever the opportunity offered. Christian colleges and schools, Y. M. C. A. buildings, and hospitals are his monuments all over the world today. His last personal messages to the public were the small editorials that he wrote, which appeared in his department store advertisements in the great newspapers. There was something worth while in every one of these editorials, rich as they were with thought from a matured and wide experience. If all the business life of the United States could be founded upon such solid bed rock as that offered in the life and policy of John Wanamaker, the commercial fabric of the country would never tremble.

plant. Then he stated that this water, however, was being put into human boilers all over town.

There was a time, the speaker stated, when water was not so essential for drinking purposes, but now he stated there was nothing else to drink except home brew. He does not favor much the filtration systems, holding that, if possible, a city like Fairmont should get back to the sources of pure water for a supply, after the fashion of New York City. He declared that cost should not go to figure in the proposition as good water was a vital necessity to any community (and we presume especially for those who are not fond of the home brew).

Bugless water, or water as near bugless as possible, is the idea. The speaker intimated that a filtration system simply killed the good and the bad bugs alike. We might as well take them alive as dead," he declared, getting a good hand from the crowd. Following the meeting, several evidenced a desire to inspect the home brew plant. These suggestions were courteously and wisely declined.

The fact that the Supervisors Club held a meeting at the "Y" last night, reminds us that we have been wanting to state for some time that the Y. M. C. A. seems to be running on a better system at the present time than for many months. There's a business-like air about the place, it is being made attractive to the men and boys who signed memberships recently and these members are taking a deeper interest in the organization than ever before. If the place continues to be conducted along the high class lines that are being adhered to now, we don't think it will be much of a grind to get enough members to carry the budget for next year.

OUTBURSTS of EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO



Personally we don't get over to the building very often. We enjoy a little bowling and a swim occasionally or get an assignment to a meeting, but even on these infrequent visits we have felt the touch of a new life and new spirit at the institution.

Woman's Standpoint

By ANN ADVENTURE.

That there are many folk in the world who believe that "kind hearts are more than coronets" is exemplified in the lives of those whom we meet in the every day walks of life, who are giving of themselves freely that others might be happier, and this old world a better and brighter place in which to live.

It is said that we are living in a pleasure mad, self centered age, but I think that this condition is the exception rather than the rule. I find in my adventures that most persons are kind at heart, and willing to lend a hand in a worthy cause, if they are made to see the need.

Yesterday I was sitting in the library of the Y. W. C. A. reading a very fine reference book, a recent gift to the library by Mrs. George DeBolt, and Mrs. Ralph Burt came briskly into the room. In her hand she carried an infant's dress pattern, and she was asking Miss Luck about tables for cutting.

At once became interested in knowing what all the busy preparation was about, and, as it was the case when you manifest a real interest in what folk are trying to do, it was not long until I had the whole story from Mrs. Burt, and I think you would like to hear it too.

She said she would be so glad if I would tell the women and men too, of the work she and her committee, composed of Mrs. Willson Steele, Mrs. Harry Alford, Mrs. Samuel Hite and Mrs. A. E. Marshall, were attempting to do, for they would need much help in the way of funds for the purchase of material, and willing hands to assist in the making of the garments.

The sewing committee, of which she is chairman, is under the direction of the bureau economics department of the Woman's Club, and their plan is to sew for the Salvation Army kiddles this year, just as the committee, of which Mrs. J. Walter Barnes was chairman, did last year.

When questioned as to the most urgent need at present, Mrs. Carr, who is in charge of the home said: "We have four infants who are badly in need of clothing, and we would be glad to have those first," so the garments will be cut out and ready to make at the all-day sewing party to be held from 9:30 to 5 o'clock tomorrow in the assembly room of the Y. W. C. A. and members of the club, and also non-members, who would like to help in any way, are being urged to come.

There are only two sewing machines at the Y. W. but there will be plenty of handwork to keep all who may come busy.

The first contributions for material, and willing hands to assist in the making of the garments.

When the kid asks you how Santa Claus comes down the chimney when there is a fire in the grate, you have to think fast or build a new chimney.

Only thirteen days until Christmas. Have you put aside a month's salary as a gift to the cook?

The "Skunks," a local basketball team, have organized for the season. Any team wishing strong opposition should write to the manager of the "Skunks."

Sport writers are cordially invited to wear masks at the game.

What's the use of having a Spunking Week for children. Half of 'em wouldn't stand for it in this advanced age.

If Mary Chatter doesn't quit insinuating in her weekly letter, we are going to let Fred Bell write this column just one day.

But he can't do it on a Friday because that's when he "writes" all the "copy" and the "heads" for the automobile page on Saturday.

Remove poisonous waste

Dr. KING'S PILLS - for constipation

What a Convenience In Christmas Shopping

Payment by check will afford you a convenience which we believe you will appreciate when you do your Christmas shopping—no waiting for change, and your check assures a receipt. Checking Accounts, whether of large or moderate size, are welcome.

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK FAIRMONT, W. VA.

KEELEY CURE

terials were given at the autumn fair by members of the club, and the total amount received was \$9.25. This has been added to the sale of very pretty bed spreads that were ordered and sold by Mrs. Burt for \$5.00, from which there was a very nice commission, and orders will be taken at any time for more. They were on display at the last meeting of the department, and were considered both attractive and reasonable in price, ranging from \$5 up, according to the design.

The committee appreciate the kindness of Harry Hartley in allowing them a generous discount on all materials purchased, and the gift of material for dresses, and money for the purchase of material by Mrs. J. Clarence Hall yesterday.

The activities of the committee will depend entirely upon their stock in trade, for they cannot sew unless they have material; and they cannot buy material without funds; so those who cannot give time to the sewing, might give money, material, or thread, for even the smallest contribution will be gratefully received, and at the close of the year everything will be accounted for to the minutest detail, Mrs. Burt assured me.

Mrs. J. W. Barnes was chairman of the committee last year, and 153 garments were made and turned over to the Salvation Army and Mrs. Burt says they hope to do even better this year, but they will need the help of the entire club and those of the community who would like to have a part in this service of love.

Can you think of a more deservingly object for your support, or a more beautiful spirit than is displayed by the women who are back of the movement in trying to clothe the homeless little ones in our midst?

Compare their lot with your own warmly clad children, and remember that he has said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

NEGRO WOMAN PAYS FINE FOR HITTING BOSS' WIFE

Acting Mayor W. E. Arnett drew a blank in police court this morning. Geraldine Christian, a negro woman, the only prisoner arrested by the police force since police court met yesterday morning, failed to appear to answer a charge of assaulting and beating Rosie Jones, another negro woman. The acting mayor imposed a fine of \$10 and costs upon Geraldine and the \$12 cash forfeit she had put up for her appearance was turned over to the city treasurer.

The trouble occurred at the Free and Jones restaurant in Water street. The Christian girl is employed in the restaurant, and Rosie Jones is the wife of one of the owners of the eating place. Last night the Christian girl alleges that Mrs. Jones called her a name and that she beat her up. Policeman Daugherty, who is working the Water street beat at night this month, was called in and made the arrest.

When brought to police headquarters the Christian woman admitted to the charge and put up a \$10 forfeit for her appearance for trial at 9 o'clock and failed to appear. At 9:45 she appeared at the station and was taken to know if the money she left was enough to pay her fine and if the officers would let her any more. When excused by City Attorney Albert Kern, she returned to her work at the colored restaurant.

If You Need a Medicine You Should Have The Best

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicine preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, a preparation I have used for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy has so large a sale."

According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root is due to the fact, so many people claim, that it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder ailments, corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism.

You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp Root by parcels post. Address: Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention this paper. Large and medium size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

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Berton Braley's Poem

DIFFERENCES.

Says I to Henry Bates, says I, "Well, Hen, you surely can't deny. You're awfully imprudent. Seems like you never save a cent. You'dotta lay some money by."

Says I to Henry Bates, says he, "Well Jim, it's this here way with me."

There's so much fun that's goin' on For me to blow my cash upon; So many things I wanta see An' wanta do, so many friends That I can help a bit, maybe, That—well, I simply goes an' spends!"

Says he, "When you got old," says I, "You'll wish that you hadn't lived so high. You'll wish that you had put away Some coin again' a rainy day. An' that you'd had the sense to save, An' not lie in no pauper's grave."

"Well, Jim," says Henry Bates, says he, "I've sorta helped my family To get an education so They're fit to face the rainy weather."

An' gee the fun we've had together: Although you're rich an' I am flat. You've missed an awful lot of that. An' as for paupers' graves—why gee,

I guess my friends' bury me, An' if they don't, why, I won't care. For I'll rest easy anywhere; My body's just the husk of me."

Says I to Henry Bates, says I, "You are a mighty foolish guy."

Says Henry to me, says he, "Well Jim, I'll tell you frank an' free, You seem a foolish bird to me!"

Says he, "There ain't no use to fight, The both of us is doubtless right. Your way is yours an' mine is mine. It's just a difference in design. The Good Lord made us as we be. Says he,

"There's sense to that, I can't deny."

Says I.

MONONGAH

The announcement has been made of the marriage of Mr. Amos A. Merrifield and Miss Nellie Martin, which was solemnized in Fairmont Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Curry has been taking care of her mother, Mrs. Walter Brown, who is seriously ill at her home in Barrackville.

Mrs. William Shaver and son, Denzil Shaver, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaver on Lambert street.

Misses Opal and P. Hillis Smith, Owen Powell and Fred Nutter

was shopping in Fairmont Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Fleming and her daughter, Lora Fleming, were shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

Miss Catherine Gaskins was shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

Miss Pearl Reynolds was shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

Miss Margaret Haggerty was visiting in Fairmont last evening.

Miss Elizabeth Rinehart of Lambert street, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mrs. Alice Rubie was shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

Steve Sinkovich and William Loss returned here Sunday from several weeks' motoring trip to Jacksonville and Petersburg, Fla., and different points in Louisiana.

Miss Pearl Morris spent the week end as the guest of relative in Clarksburg.

Mrs. Lark James was shopping in Fairmont yesterday.

WHOLESALE THEFTS OF AUTOS DISCLOSED

MADILL, Okla., Dec. 12.—An Oklahoma National Guard detachment comprising two officers and ten enlisted men went on duty here today with instructions to afford protection of a group of state officers who have been investigating the discovery of more than a score of stolen automobiles in Marshall County.

The guardsmen were ordered to Madill from McAllister by Adjutant General Barrett last night, after H. E. Lee, assistant attorney general, one of the state investigators, had advised Barrett that threats had been made against the officers seeking to recover the stolen motor cars.

The state investigators declared evidence uncovered indicated Madill has been the base of a gang of automobile thieves operating in Oklahoma and Northern Texas.

IT'S NEURITIS! Not Rheumatism

That sharp, stabbing pain in the upper arm, about the shoulder blade, in the nape of the neck, along the forearm or down the thigh and leg, is often Neuritis—not rheumatism.

If you have severe frontal headache with a feeling that something is twitching or pulling at the eye balls—a dull, aching pain in the back accompanied by an occasional shooting pain in the fingers or "itches" of pain here and there the chances are that your trouble is Neuritis.

No matter where your pain is located, you can get prompt relief without taking bromides, narcotics, or other dope. Apply Tysmol over the part that hurts, and you should soon be rid of that torture. Tysmol is guaranteed harmless, helps to soothe and heal the weak inflamed nerves.

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